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SUBJECT: SOVIET INTEREST IN U.S. REACTION TO NORTH KOREAN
MILITARY SEA BOUNDARY

1. SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY YE. P. IVANOV CALLED
ON KOREA DESK AUGUST 3 TO INQUIRE IN LOW KEY ABOUT U.S.
REACTION TO NORTH KOREAN MILITARY SEA BOUNDARY ANNOUNCED
AUGUST 1. HE SAID U.S. AND SOVIETS HAVE MANY CLOSE
POSITIONS IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND ASKED IF USG HAS
RECEIVED MORE PRECISE VIEW OF NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS
OR BOUNDARIES FOR NORTH KOREAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC
ZONES THAN PROVIDED IN KCNA ANNOUNCEMENTS.

2. DEPT. OFFICER TOLD IVANOV WE HOPED HE WOULD HAVE
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SPECIAL INSIGHT ON THE ISSUE, BUT IN ANY CASE WE HAD
NOTHING BEYOND PYONGYANG'S PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS. IN
ADDITION, WE HAVE TOLD THE NORTH KOREAN/CHINESE SIDE THAT
WE EXPECT THEM TO CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE ARMISTICE AND
THAT OUR RIGHTS IN KOREA WILL NOT BE CURTAILED BY ANY
UNILATERAL NORTH KOREAN DECLARATION.

3. IVANOV VOLUNTEERED THAT THE U.S. AND THE USSR SHARE CONCERN FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION WORLDWIDE, AND SAID HE WOULD SHARE INFORMATION WITH US ON THIS ISSUE AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, HE HAD LITTLE TO ADD, AND CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW DETAILS OF RECENTLY CONCLUDED USSR-NORTH KOREAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT.

4. DEPT. OFFICER TOLD IVANOV THAT U.S. FIRMLY INTENDS TO CONTINUE OUR SECURITY COMMITMENT TO SOUTH KOREA AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE USSR SHARES OUR DESIRE TO AVOID MOVES WHICH COULD LEAD TO INCREASED TENSIONS IN NORTHEAST ASIA. CHRISTOPHER

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